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FOLLOWING REPEAT PEKING 2247 ACTION SECSTATE
INFO BANGKOK HONG KONG TOKYO VIENTIANE PARIS JUL 25.

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L PEKING 2247

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TAGS: PEPR, CH, VN, US

SUBJ: MFA OFFICIAL ON US-SRV NORMALIZATION

REF: PEKING 2048

1. DURING A JULY 24 RECEPTION GIVEN BY AMBASSADOR WOODCOCK
FOR A PRC DELEGATION DEPARTING FOR THE U.S., MFA US AFFAIRS
DIVISION DIRECTOR TING YUAN-HUNG VOLUNTEERED TO USLO OFFICER
THAT THE PRC HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE NORMALIZATION OF RE-
LATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND VIETNAM. SUBJECT CAME
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UP DURING DISCUSSION OF VIETNAM'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE PRC'S
PROPOSAL FOR VICE MINISTERIAL TALKS ON THE DISPUTE OVER
OVERSEAS CHINESE IN VIETNAM. TING STEERED CONVERSATION TO
THE SUBJECT OF US-VIETNAMESE RELATIONS. HE ASKED ABOUT SRV
VICE FOREIGN MINISTER PHAN HIEN'S RECENT STATEMENTS AND
SAID IT APPEARS THAT VIETNAM HAS DROPPED ALL PRE-CONDITIONS
FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES.

USLO OFFICER STATED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW IF VIETNAM HAD
COMMUNICATED THIS MESSAGE DIRECTLY TO THE UNITED STATES.

2. TING ASKED IF USLO OFFICERS HAVE ANY CONTACTS WITH THE
VIETNAMESE HERE. USLO OFFICER SAID THERE WERE NONE OTHER
THAN A HANDSHAKE OR TWO AT DIPLOMATIC RECEPTIONS. TING
THEN VOLUNTEERED THAT THE PRC'S POLICY ON THIS MATTER HAS
NOT CHANGED. THE PRC HAS "NO OBJECTION" TO THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND VIETNAM. JUST
TO MAKE SURE USLO OFFICER GOT THE MESSAGE HE STATED AGAIN
THAT THE PRC "IS NOT OPPOSED" TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF US-
SRV RELATIONS. WOODCOCK

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